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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**TO: ALL EDITORS/JOURNALISTS/REPORTERS**

### **THABO MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF ITS PLANNING MANAGER**

It is with great sadness and deep sorrow that Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality announces the loss of its Manager for Intergrated Development Planning and Performance Management, Mr Tshepo Motaung. He passed on on the night of 31 December 2013 after a short illness.

Mr Motaung has been a champion of the planning programme of the district municipality and has played a sterling role in ensuring that the municipality put in place a credible Integrated Development Plan, and that all priorities in the plan are met.

The Executive Mayor of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality, Dr Balekile Mzangwa, said words cannot begin to describe the pain of the loss of Mr Motaung.

He described him as an erudite and shrewd public servant, who served the community of Thabo Mofutsanyana with loyalty, commitment and passion. He said Motaung was highly knowledgeable in his field and would always produce any document within no time when required to do so.

“The death of Mr Tshepo Motaung has touched all of us at the district municipality, as well as local municipalities where he played a pivotal role of co-ordination of the overall planning for the all-encompassing district IDP.

“Employees and public officials like Tshepo are very much indispensable. This year he was in and out of the hospital, but he was able to come to work on some days even when he was on sick leave to ensure that the municipality is on track with its plans of developing ordinary citizens of this country.

“We will sorely miss Tshepo Motaung. May his soul rest in peace,” concluded Dr Mzangwa.

The Executive Mayor is set to visit the family of the late Mr Motaung on Thursday, 02 January 2013.

Funeral arrangements will be announced in the due course.

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